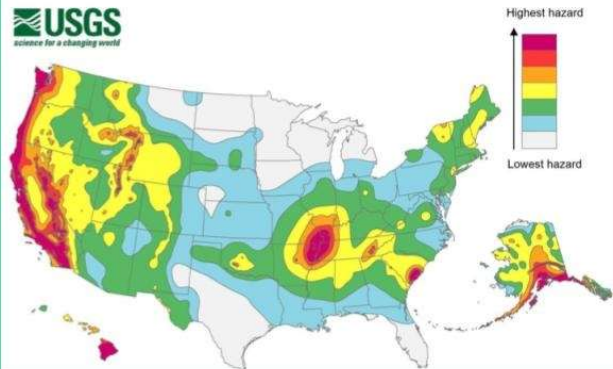


SOUTH CAROLINA Earthquake Preparedness Week October 11-17, 2026



i Did you know the South Carolina Lowcountry has the highest earthquake hazard risk than anywhere else on the U.S. East Coast? Take this week to become familiar with earthquakes and tsunamis. Register to participate in the Great Southeast ShakeOut that will occur at 10:15 am Thursday, October 15th.

U.S. Earthquake Shaking Hazards



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ShakeOut. Don't Freak Out.

October 15, 2026 Register now at ShakeOut.org



In most situations, if you feel shaking or get an earthquake alert, immediately:



DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and reduces your chances of being hit by falling or flying objects.



COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand.

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath for shelter.
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall.
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs.



HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

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